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COLUMBIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Robert Andrew Lambers, 28, of Columbia, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to charges contained in a June 18, 2004, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty, **Lambers** admitted that he conspired to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between March and May 19, 2004, in Boone County, Mo.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Lambers** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Columbia, Mo., Police Department and the St. Louis Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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